

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 137 - HB 835**

March 21, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (006309):** Requires the Coordinator of Elections to compare statewide voter registration databases with other state agencies and county records to identify any voter who has changed addresses without notifying their county election commission, and to compare statewide voter registration databases with the Department of Safety database to ensure no non-United States citizens are registered to vote in Tennessee.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$63,300/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-2-106(c)(1)(D) and 2-2-141(a) currently allow for the Coordinator of Elections to compare voter registration databases with other agencies and county records. However, the proposed legislation will change this to a requirement of the Coordinator of Elections.
- Along with the requirement put forth in the proposed legislation, the *National Voter Registration Act of 1993* also requires that the comparison of voter lists be completed 90 days before a federal election.
- In order to compare statewide voter registration databases with other agencies and county records for every election, the Secretary of State would be required to hire one additional Elections Assistant, which will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$63,302 (\$48,000 salary + \$15,302 benefits) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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